

MATOC Solicitation 05-0001-01

Question and Answers

Question #1

1. Paragraph 4.4.4 (page 8) states, "4.4.4 Equipment: In accordance with the general guidance in FAR Part 45.102, Contractors are required to furnish all property necessary to perform on Government contracts or orders. Contractors must provide PCs compatible with ONR's LAN and provide funding for NMCI seats for all proposed personnel working in Government spaces. Furthermore, PCs should not be proposed as a direct charge under this order. For security purposes, computers must be authorized and approved for use by ONR 06."

Question 1: "PCs should not be proposed as a direct charge". This restriction makes it virtually impossible for the contractor to recover associated costs in a cost-effective timeframe. Request this item be included as an allowable ODC, with a corresponding increase in the maximum ODC ceiling for the first year.

Question 2: If the contractor purchased PC remains an unallowable ODC, the PC would be the contractor's property. How does the Government propose to allow the contractor to maintain ownership of a computer being used in and on a Government facility, as well as at the end of the contract period?

Question 3: "Contractors must provide funding for NMCI seats for all proposed personnel working in Government spaces"--Is this an allowable ODC?

Question 4: "Contractors must provide funding for NMCI seats for all proposed personnel working in Government spaces"--In as much as the contractor is providing a PC for work performed at ONR, what monthly costs are associated with the "NMCI seat"? (i.e.: "white/blue seat; optional hardware CLINS as described at <http://www.nmci-eds.com/clinlist.htm> ?)

Answer

Equipment: In accordance with the general guidance in FAR Part 45.102, Contractors are required to furnish all property necessary to perform on Government contracts or orders. PC's should not be proposed as a direct charge under this solicitation. For security purposes, computers may be required to be authorized and approved for use by ONR.

Contractors may be required to obtain one or more Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) seats to perform the Task Order statement of work. ONR currently plans to formally transition to NMCI on or about 1 OCT 2005. During the performance of the Order, if either party (Government or Contractor) identifies a requirement for the Contractor to obtain an NMCI seat to perform its duties, ONR officials will work with the Contractor to obtain an NMCI seat in a timely manner and, if necessary, will pursue a mutually satisfactory agreement in regards to any formal modifications or changes to the scope, structure or dollar values of the Order as a result of the emerging NMCI requirements. General information regarding NMCI can be obtained at: <http://www.nmci-eds.com/index.asp>

Question #2

Work such as MATOC Solicitation 05-0001-01 might be ideal for some small businesses on our MATOC team. Is it acceptable for the prime contractor to propose a risk mitigation plan that firewalls one of its subcontractors during the period of performance, and limit the OCI prohibitions to that particular subcontractor?

Answer: Proposing a risk mitigation plan that firewalls a subcontractor is useful, but may not be the deciding factor which limits the OCI restrictions to a particular element of the organization. The prime contractor will have to make its best case, in writing, to the contracting officer for ruling.

Question #3

Regarding Sec 5.3 submission requirements for the above solicitation, do we have a choice between 5.3(a) and 5.3(b) or if we email our response are we also required to submit hard copies?

Answer: The contractor has the flexibility to choose 5.2(a) or 5.3(b)